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Budget under scrutiny

BUDGET proposals set out by Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet were going under the spotlight today.

The authority's corporate resources scrutiny committee is meeting to discuss the plans and make recommendations to the Cabinet.

The proposed net budget for 2011-12 is £13.4 million, a reduction of £1.2m or eight per cent compared to the current financial year.

The main budget proposals include freezing the district council's element of the council tax for 2011-12.

The plans also include significant savings from reviewing how services including the planning functions, revenues and benefits, waste collection and support functions, are delivered.

Girl shot in face at club

A GIRL was shot in the face at close range with a ballbearing gun at Kidderminster.

The 11-year-old victim was outside Kidderminster Youth House club in Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster, when a boy put the gun about two inches away from her face and shot her twice.

It happened between noon and 1pm on Saturday, February 5.

The victim suffered a stung cheek but did not need medical treatment.

The attacker is described as a white boy, aged about 15, of large build, with short brown hair, wearing an orange jumper and dark jeans.

Protest over plan for HQ

UKIP members will demonstrate against Wyre Forest District Council's £10.5million headquarters development on Saturday. They will gather signatures at a demonstration outside Kidderminster Town Hall from 9am.



KHIST collects around the Aggborough ground on Saturday



Standing ovation from the supporters for players and staff. *Pictures: Patrick Mulvaney*

RALLYING CRY BY HARRIERS

A RALLYING call has been issued to the people of Kidderminster to save their football club after Harriers endured one of the most tumultuous weeks in their 125-year history.

Stratford-upon-Avon businessman Chris Swan pulled out of a takeover bid last Thursday.

It resulted in staff and supporters undergoing a desperate fundraising mission.



Harriers manager Steve Burr, second left, is the focus of media attention at Saturday's match

AVOID

It emerged on Monday night (February 7) that £155,000 was needed by the following lunchtime for Harriers to avoid being forced into a Company Voluntary Agreement (CVA).

Donations of £4,000 came in from around the country via a Twitter campaign and at the time of going to press the club's board members were discussing what options were left available to them.

A CVA would almost certainly mean a 10-point deduction for entering administration, to add to a five-point penalty handed out last month for a breach of financial regulations.

By Tim Spiers

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Off the field Kidderminster's supporters rallied round the club for the 1-0 home win against Bath City on Saturday, turning up in big numbers for a third-largest attendance of the season at Aggborough of 1,500.

Season ticket holders chose to pay cash on the turnstiles by way of a donation and match-day stewards agreed to work unpaid, while a bucket collection raised £2,300.

Kidderminster Harriers Independent Supporters Trust (KHIST), which has been working side by side with the club to appeal for investment, called on Kidderminster residents to pack Aggborough to the rafters for the home fixture against Altrincham this Saturday (12).

The trust's spokesman Karl Davies said that Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier had pledged his "110 per cent support" to the fundraising campaign, while Tom Watson, Harriers fan and MP for West Bromwich East, is also involved.

Mr Davies estimated that an Aggborough full house of 6,000 supporters against Altrincham could be worth as much as £100,000 to the club.

"If the people of Kidderminster want to save their club they need to turn up on Saturday and show their support," Mr Davies said.

"The campaign is really gathering pace – but it's still absolutely urgent that we raise as much money as soon as possible."

Harriers face a winding-up order for unpaid tax of £16,000 on February 24.

A further £52,000 is owed to small creditors, although players and staff were paid a proportion of their outstanding wages earlier this week.

The Harriers board expressed their thanks for the "fantastic show of solidarity" show by the club for the Bath City game, which left the team in sixth place in the table, just one point off the play-offs.

TIRELESSLY

"We would like to thank the playing, office and bar staff at the football club who have continued to work tirelessly in their roles in what are nothing short of dire circumstances," a board statement said.

"Their commitment to the cause has been exceptional as the club continues to pull together as one.

"We must also pay tribute to the work being done by KHIST," it added.

"Their efforts are proof that the club's fan-base is a passionate one that cares deeply for what is a club of rich tradition."

Joining KHIST costs £1 for adults, 50p for under-16s and £30 for corporate members.

For details visit their website, www.khist.org.uk

Boss is picked at trust

A CHIEF executive has been named to lead the new Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust being created to run community and mental health services in the county.

Sarah Dugan, currently chief executive of NHS Dudley, has been appointed and will take up the post early next month.

She joined Dudley Primary Care Trust in 2006 as director of strategy and innovation and executive nurse and has been chief executive since January last year.

She worked at Wyre Forest Primary Care Trust for four years before her Dudley switch.

"I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed," she said.

"I have a nursing background and have worked in a wide range of managerial positions in both PCTs and Mental Health Trusts over the years.

"I am really looking forward to getting started and working with staff, patients, service users and partners to see how we can continue to improve services."

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Flooding barriers put up

FLOOD barriers went up near homes and businesses in Bewdley as water levels on the River Severn rose.

Environment Agency workers installed the barriers to the halfway position along Severnside North on Sunday.

Levels in the town were being monitored on Tuesday while officials decided whether to set up the barriers along Severnside South and Beales Corner.

The move came after parts of Shrewsbury were left under water on Tuesday as overnight levels peaked at 14.5 feet.

Residents said water levels along the river were noticeably higher.

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Sitting pretty: Bewdley mayor Paul Gittins on the new steps in front of the original high one

Stepping out more easily at underpass

BEWDLEY residents are stepping out more confidently after work on the pedestrian underpass at Bewdley bridge.

The high step on the Wribbenhall side has caused problems for a number of years. But Bewdley Mayor Paul Gittins is now delighted that two smaller steps have been added by the county council to ease the way for pedestrians.

"After years of campaigning the high step at the end of the pedestrian underpass on the Wribbenhall side of Bewdley bridge has been improved by adding two smaller steps in front of it," he said.

Signs

"Although the land in this area is owned by the county council and maintained by the district council, no-one would take resposibility for the high step. Nor would the highways department.

"It was also claimed that there was no right of way, although there are signs at each end of the footpath one of which says 'pedestrian underpass'," he added.

"However, following several falls, one quite serious, two more steps have been constructed in front of the original high step."

Club gets Gardeners' Question Time date

MEMBERS of Hartlebury Gardening club are to host one of Radio 4's most popular shows in time to mark 70 years in bloom.

The group, which applied to host Gardeners' Question Time more than 10 years ago was delighted to hear that it will be on the show for their 70th birthday.

Members will gather on Tuesday, March 22, at the new Cutnall Green Hall for the one-off recording at 6.30pm.

After seven decades the group, which formed back in 1941, is growing stronger by the year and lining up a schedule of special events.

Chairman, Tony Hardwick, who has held the position for eight years, said: "It is such a well supported group and we are holding our numbers very well.

"It is lovely to be celebrating such a significant point of the gardening club's history and it is even better to see how the club and our annual show have come into their own over the many years we have been running.

"The radio show is an extremely exciting event and we are all looking forward to the rest of the special dates that we have planned for the year."

The self-funded group, which boasts 218 members and won the large village section of the Britain in Bloom competition in 1995, will host their 69th show this year.

Having only ever cancelled one event – on the day of Princess Diana's funeral – the gardeners are committed to ensuring that their annual show will thrive for many more years to come.

Maggie Herbert, one of only a few members to be a part of the club for more than 20 years, has helped to organise the radio show.

"After all these years it is great that we have finally been accepted to host the show and it is such a wonderful coincidence that it has come about this year," she said.

"This is a very special time for all of us and we are so proud of what the group has managed to achieve.

"The group was first started in response to the Dig for Victory campaign where local residents would grow their own produce to live off during the Second World War.

Decorative

"The focus back then was very much on fruit and vegetables and, although today the main aspect of the show is a lot more decorative, we are finding that our local allotments really help to retain the true meaning of why the group first began."

Show secretary Anne Bucknall who has dedicated 25 years to the society, is looking forward to seeing what else the future holds.

"I remember when we celebrated our 50th birthday but 20 years on I know this is going to be an even bigger and better celebration," she said.

"It is a wonderful group which brings the whole village together."

Gardeners' Question Time was first broadcast in 1947 when the slot was originally called How Does Your Garden Grow?

Although members do not yet know who will be on the panel, they are hoping for a guest appearance from organic gardener and Radio 4 panellist Bob Flowerdew.

With only 200 tickets available for the recording, advance bookings are necessary. Admission is £2.50 and guests will be given the chance to put their budding question to the panel.

Next event in the club's programme of talks welcomes Bob Brown, founder of Cotswold Garden Flowers in Evesham, on March 3.

To find out more about any of this year's events call 01299 251362.

By Sarah Hazelwood

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President David Parker celebrates the 70th anniversary with members, from left, Maggie Herbert,Pat Jewkes and Anne Bucknall

Transport plan is backed

THE county transport vision for the next 15 years has been approved.

Worcestershire County Council's backed the latest full Local Transport Plan (LTP3).

Two of the major projects which form part of the scheme are progressing through the funding selection process with the Department for Transport (DfT).

The Worcester Transport Strategy and Abbey Bridge refurbishment are currently with ministers in Westminster and have made it past the first round of selection.

Councillor Derek Prodger MBE, county council cabinet member for transport and environment, said: "I am very pleased that cabinet has approved the Local Transport Plan.

"This decision will allow us to continue all of the hard work that has gone into the project so far and press on with implementing a transport infrastructure for Worcestershire for the future."

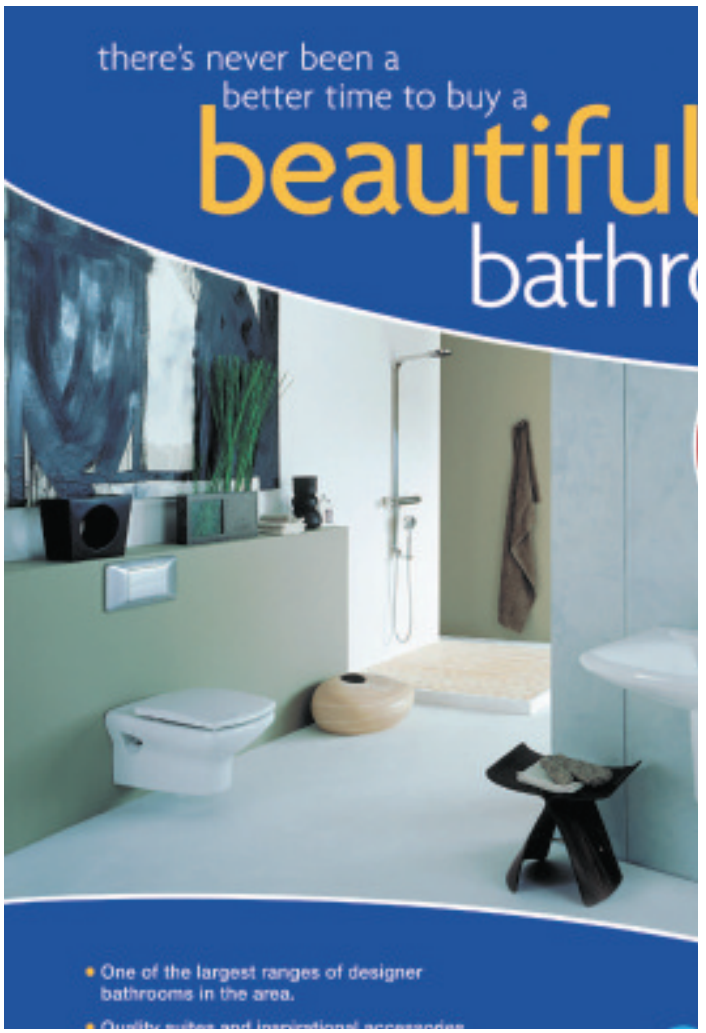
Further information online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk

Helping out the birds

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to help the local bird population.

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Weatherman starts a new record label

THE OUTLOOK was grim when Kidderminster rocker Dave Smith was made redundant from his job as a weatherman. But now he is hoping to conquer the rock music world after setting up a record label for female acts.

Ravenheart Music has 13 bands on its books and Mr Smith, who works from his home, is now searching for more. He previously distributed music as a hobby but is now aiming to forge a career in the record industry after being laid off from his work as a meteorologist.

Mr Smith said: "I've never been unemployed before so it was a bit frightening at first but things are going really well."

The 56-year-old, of Comberton Road, worked for WSI in Birmingham for 20 years until last July.

He started managing bands two years ago as he felt there was prejudice against women in rock and heavy metal groups.

"I've always thought that rock music is too male-orientated so I decided to do something," he said.

Release

The first signings to the label were Maltese metal band Weeping Silence who are about to release their third album, and Dutch group Only Fate Remains.

He began by getting bands' CDs sent to his home and paying for them to be shipped to independent record shops.

But now he gets involved in the sleeve design, promotion and touring schedule of his label's acts.

"All the effort is starting to pay and hopefully I'll start making some money from it soon," he added.



Dave Smith with merchandise for some of the bands on his Ravenheart Music label

Hunt is on to find new choristers

WORCESTER Cathedral Choir is on the lookout for new boy choristers – but is in a hurry.

Every year, the turnover of voices provides opportunities for young talent, aged between seven and 10. But applications must be submitted quickly as the entrance examination is on Saturday.

Adrian Lucas, master of the choristers and cathedral organist, is very experienced at spotting potential. "It's a bit different from Simon Cowell's job, but there are certain parallels!" he said.

"We're looking for bright, intelligent boys with plenty of spark."

Details at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/music.php

Next walk date

WALKING group Rock Pathfinders stages its next free, guided countryside walk on Sunday, March 13.

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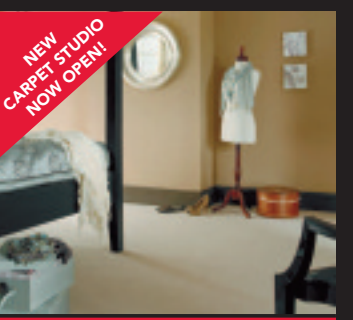
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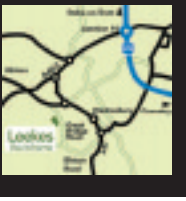
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Band of brothers: From left, Reece Manning, Coner Clark, Harry Bannister, coach Bob Dillon, Stevie Smith, Eddie Edwards, Macauley Grimes and Grant Bishop



Protect yourself at all times: Coner Clark keeps the gloves up

The Rocky road

Pupils from a Kidderminster school have been learning the ropes the hard way. The students from Wolverley CE Secondary School spent six weeks of sweat and toil under the guidance of a top coach to gain boxing qualifications.



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SCHOOL work is tough – but seldom as tough as this.

Year 10 students based in the Lodge at Wolverley CE Secondary School, have been working hard towards a qualification with a difference – boxing.

And after six weeks on the course, which focused on exercise, fitness and discipline and taught them to direct their feelings positively, all the pupils achieved their Level One boxing certificate.

Each week they attended a boxing club in Brierley Hill and worked with Bob Dillon, who coaches the Great Britain boxing team and has worked with the likes of Amir Khan.

Each week they learned new stances and techniques and took part in gruelling circuit training sessions.

Adrian Hobday, teacher in charge of alternative curriculum, said: "I am very proud of the effort this group has put in. We were pleased to hear the coach comment on how exceptional our students had been."



Jump to it: Wolverley pupils learn the ring trade, step by step



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Fair way to fill the basket

WHO supplies the contents of your shopping basket is the subject of Transition Bewdley Food Group's next meeting.

Elaine Barbour of Bewdley Fairtrade Group will address the subject at Bewdley Baptist Church, in High Street, on February 17.

Unless you give up a lot of the pleasures in life it may not be possible to buy all your shopping locally – and growing coffee beans and cocoa might prove to be a bit tricky. So the question is: Who supplies your groceries such as chocolate and coffee?

To counteract exploitation Fairtrade seeks to transform trading structures in favour of the poor and disadvantaged.

Those attending are invited to take along a home-cooked dish for a shared supper at 7pm or arrive for the talk at 8pm.

Details: Call Sara Hirst on 07771 538459, send an email to sarady12@yahoo.co.uk or visit the website www.transitionbewdley.org.uk

Mapping the way to win award



With the award are, from left, Councillor Derek Prodger MBE; Philippa Jaine, countryside management officer; Mark Smith, programme co-ordinator and Patrick Birch, director of resources

AN INNOVATIVE website about rights of way has helped Worcestershire County Council win a prestigious honour.

The council took the 2010 Innovation and Best Practice (Public Services) Award at the annual Association for Geographic Information ceremony.

The award was open to any public bodies which use geographic information to deliver local public services.

The award recognises three sites developed by the council's Countryside Service and Information and Business Systems applications development team.

Two give information to the public and parish path wardens about Worcestershire's public rights of way, including closures and legal orders as well as allowing residents to follow how work is progressing on reported defects.

The database maps more than 3,000 miles of public rights of way across the county.

The third is an internal site for staff which enables officers to organise their workload and direct resources more accurately and efficiently. Councillor Derek Prodger MBE, cabinet member for transport and safe environment, said: "It is a great example of teams working together to create a cost-effective system."

Jim Collins, applications development manager, said: "This is a great achievement and a wonderful recognition of the team again demonstrating their ability."

To access the web map, visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside and follow the "public rights of way" and then "interactive map" tabs.

New foundation bid by trust

HOSPITAL bosses are going "back to basics" as they try again to become a Foundation Trust.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust has now sent a reactivation letter to independent healthcare regulator Monitor.

The move comes after Monitor deferred the previous application, reportedly over concerns about the viability of the business plan.

Since November 2010 the Trust, which runs the Alexandra, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals, has been through a significant period of change.

It has a new chairman and four new non-executive directors as well as a new organisational structure. Chief executive John Rostill said: "We are at the beginning of an exciting new journey.

"The new board has brought with it new energy, new ideas, and re-invigorated determination to make a difference.

"We've got an incredibly important agenda in the immediate months ahead – as well as embedding a new culture across the Trust we are also looking at a very challenging efficiency target of £23million in 2011-12.

"The next few months are about getting back to basics – a period of consolidation and cost control with all the board's energy, enthusiasm and determination focused on the Trust's key priority areas of patient safety and quality of care," he added.

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Pub demolition prompts rats worry

RATS and trees were the priorities at Kidderminster's Sutton Park Pact (Partners and Communities Together) meeting.

Residents raised the issue of trees being cut down in Sutton Park Road and whether they were to be replaced, along with worries about rats at the site of the demolished Sutton Arms pub at the meeting on Wednesday, February 2.

Both items will be looked at by Pact panel member Councillor Marcus Hart who will report to the next meeting.

The meeting, also had updates on priorities from the last meeting in November.

Vandalism to cars in Park Lane was one, and residents were told that efforts were under way to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and get CCTV installed.

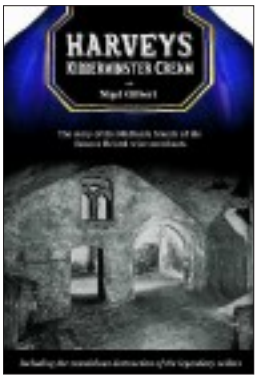
Another was youths playing football in the street and displaying abusive behaviour. Police said there had been no further problems after local youths were advised and a No Ball Games sign put up.

The third issue was poor visibility in Parry Road by the exit on to Sutton Park Road. Boards have been moved back slightly so that vehicles can exit safely.

Next meeting: April 6 (7pm) at the Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road.


A plaque at The Swan Centre under which are buried the Harveys Wine Vaults


Historian and author Nigel Gilbert, left, with John Harvey



The book with an image of the medieval Harveys vaults

Wine buildings lost to progress

THEY were demolished to make way for a much-maligned shopping centre and multi-storey car park in 1968.

But the legacy of a famous wine merchants' premises in Kidderminster lives on with a new book tracing their history.

Harvey's long-standing connection with Bristol's wine trade is well known – but many will be unaware Harvey's also had a link with Kidderminster.

It has been said that, in the early 19th century, the Midlands part of the business was so attractive that the two Harvey brothers, John and Charles, would vie with each other to stay in the Kidderminster area. The Kidderminster cellars were used by the firm for nearly 150 years until the branch was shut in 1967.

Now there is only a blue plaque near the entrance to the Swan Centre that gives a clue to the site's history.

Historian Nigel Gilbert has called their destruction "appalling" and said he wants people to realise the history and heritage that was lost.

Character

Mr Gilbert, of Tynings Close, said: "Planners were very concerned with what they thought was progress in the 1960s – and Kidderminster was one of the worst affected.

"There is very little character in the town now, as so much has gone." The volume, called Harvey's Kidderminster Cream, tells the story of Harvey's, famed for its Bristol Cream sherry, which was first founded in 1790.

After the firm moved into an international market, the Kidderminster branch was no longer needed and closed its doors in December 1967.

The firm's premises were in 1 Coventry Street and 12 Swan Street – a road which disappeared when the shopping centre was built.

A complex of about 10 cellars was beneath the neighbouring property in Coventry Street.

Illustrated by the author's son, David Gilbert, the book can be bought from Kidderminster Library or via www.nigel-gilbert.co.uk


The Harveys premises at the junction of Swan Street and Coventry Street in Kidderminster, taken in 1901


John Harvey, who spent years in Kidderminster with brother Charles

Hospice fashioning a dressy fundraiser

A FASHION SHOW near Kidderminster is to coin in the cash for a Stourbridge charity with organisers hoping to raise more than £2,000 from the event.

Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice has organised the show at the Granary Restaurant, Stone, near Kidderminster, on March 31.

A similar event held last September sold out in just 10 days and many were left disappointed they could not attend.

Staff at the hospice in Hagley Road have increased numbers to 160 for the second show and tickets are now on sale. Nearly £2,000 was raised from the last event and organisers hope for even more this time.

The show will start with a three-course lunch and the designer fashions will be showcased by professional models. Tickets are priced £25 and can be purchased by calling 01384 377778.

Volunteers wanted to help youngsters

SCHOOLS across Wyre Forest are seeking volunteers to help support and encourage vulnerable youngsters.

Children's charity Mentor Link, supported by the Big Lottery Fund, require mentors to visit schools across the district each week.

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Fostering a belief that children can benefit

A COUPLE from Kidderminster are following in family footsteps by becoming foster carers.

Stuart Burrows and his partner Erica Wassell, of Vicarage Crescent, were approved for Barnardo's West Midlands Family Placement Service in August last year.

Erica, who grew up sharing her home with foster children, is taking inspiration from her own parents who have fostered for 25 years.

John and Sheila Wassell, also from Kidderminster, are keen to encourage others to foster following

By Sarah Hazelwood

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Barnardo's recent fostering and adoption week.

After 18 months of checks and training Stuart and Erica, who met seven years ago, took in their first child in October.

Unlike many couples, Stuart stays at home to care for the 11-year-old while Erica goes out to work.

Stuart said becoming a full-time foster parent is the best decision he's ever made

"I have found fostering to be a big learning curve and feel satisfied in being able to achieve a goal of helping to support young children," he said.

"Even though I see myself as a house husband I believe that I am able to offer a positive male role model and help a child to build and form relationships.

"It is hugely important that people understand the importance of fostering and the benefits it has on children.

"The whole process has been quite surreal but I definitely made the right decision because I know it is something that I am going to relish for many more years to come.

"Erica has been very supportive and she has said how much happier

> **'The whole process has been quite surreal, but I definitely made the right decision'**
>
> *– Stuart Burrows*

I am compared to this time last year. As a couple we were both keen to get into fostering and are enjoying every minute of it.

"For me now being a foster carer is a way of life and I would like to encourage other men to look in to it."

Stuart also expressed admiration for John and Sheila who have cared for more than 50 children.

Erica's father, John, feels many people focus on the woman as providing a high level of care. But he too ensures that he plays a vital role in their children's upbringing.

He said: "We went into fostering with the same attitude we took with our marriage, 50-50 partnership in every challenge

"I have gained lots of happy and sad memories but I thoroughly enjoy all the experience of being a male foster carer and the reward is seeing the kids laugh and enjoy life.

"It hasn't been easy but with the support of each other, family and friends, we have never doubted the job that we do."

John and Sheila currently have two long-term foster children with special needs. They participate in weekly therapy, special education activities, and specialist medical appointments.



House husband and foster carer Stuart Burrows

Shortage

Barnardo's Family Placement project has 54 fostering households but latest figures from the Foster Care Network show that there is a shortage of 650 carers in the West Midlands.

Sara Castro, Barnardo's manager at West Midlands Family Placement, said: "Erica and Stuart joining the dynasty of fantastic families who foster for Barnardo's in the West Midlands, was great news for our service.

"We need all sorts of people and it would be great to have more men – whether they are single or in relationships – become foster carers."

"We would love people to come along to our open evenings and see how rewarding fostering can be and what a fantastic difference it really does make to a child's life."

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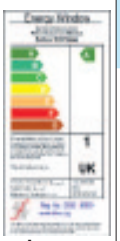
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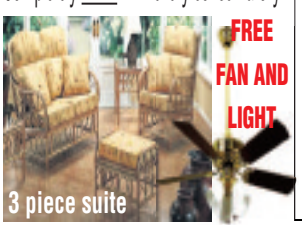
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Thanks a lot – the band

HIGHLEY Colliery Band has thanked all those supported performances in local towns recently – including Kidderminster.

Secretary Anthony James said collections were held throughout to raise funds.

"On Saturday, December 4, the band played in Kidderminster and collected £211. In Bridgnorth on December 18 the collection raised £265 and on Christmas Eve the band raised £314 in Ludlow.

"The committee and band members would like to thank all those that donated so generously," he added.

"All proceeds from the collections go towards the upkeep of the band and provide music and equipment for the main band and learner band."

Sale date at church hall

BARGAIN hunters can try a jumble sale at Wolverley Church Hall.

The event, held by the Wolverley Ladies Fellowship, is on Saturday, February 19 at 2pm. There will be refreshments and a cake stall.

A talk will be held at the same venue on Monday, February 28 (7.30pm) about the Ifakara Bakery Project, which provides bread for people living in Ifakara, Tanzania.

Thug attacks victim, 17, on the towpath

A TEENAGER was attacked after he was confronted by two men on bicycles while walking on a canal towpath in Kidderminster.

The victim was punched by one thug who tried unsuccessfully to push him into the canal.

Now police are appealing for witnesses after the incident off Castle Road, near the Tesco store.

Two men on bikes approached the 17-year-old victim; one got off and punched him on the jaw.

He then tried to push the teenager into the canal. The other man stayed on his cycle and was laughing during the attack. Both rode off in the direction of Tesco.

The teenager was left with a sore face but did not require treatment.

Tracksuit

The two men in the attack, which happened at about 12.40pm on Thursday, February 3, were both white. They were 19 to 25 and around 5ft 8in. One wore an orange T-Shirt, possibly a Wolves shirt, and the other a white tracksuit.

Pc Angeline Baker said: "This was a nasty and unprovoked assault and the two men were complete strangers to the victim.

"As it happened in broad daylight near the town centre and the offenders were wearing distinctive clothing there is a good chance that someone may have seen them or may recognise their descriptions."

Tryangle awards' last push

THE clock is ticking as the deadline for Tryangle Award nominations approaches.

Residents have until Saturday (February 12) to nominate any 11 to 19-year-old in the latest round of awards, launched by the county council's youth support team to celebrate the achievements of young people.

Nominations can be made via www.youthworcs.org.uk/tryangle and are welcome from anyone who is involved with young people, such as teachers, youth workers, sports coaches and volunteers or family and friends.

More than 40 groups and individuals have so far been nominated.

Councillor Marcus Hart, cabinet member with responsibility for education, said: "We are delighted with the response we have received so far.

"But with just days to go, we really would welcome one last push on nominations."

The awards highlight the efforts and achievements of the county's 'unsung heroes' – young people whose work, courage or achievement often goes unrecognised.

Worry over jumble

STOURPORT'S next Mitton and Lickhill Pact (Partners and Communities Together) meeting takes place on Monday, February 14.

Priorities at the gathering in Lickhill Community Centre (7pm) will be jumble left outside charity shops and speeding near Wilden School.

Police were liaising with charity shops to see if a suitable container can be provided for out of hours donations, and were arranging for speed enforcement outside the school. More information at www.westmercia.police.uk

Slight easing of pain on Government cuts

SLASHING cuts to Wyre Forest District Council's grant from the Government will not be quite as deep as first feared.

Subject to House of Commons approval, the council will get £6.244million in 2011-12 – £44,000 more than the provisional sum announced in December last year.

But that is still a cut of 15.2 per cent over the previous year. And the adjusted figure for the following year, 2012-13, has been revised down by another £51,000 on top of the pre-Christmas reduction.

The news for this year got a cautious welcome from council leader Councillor John Campion. "I am pleased that the Government has listened to the response from Wyre Forest following the announcement in December and that some additional help is being provided," he said.

"Before Christmas Mark Garnier MP and I had a useful meeting with Bob Neill MP, the local government minister, and I would like to express my appreciation to him for hearing our case.

Protect

"This news will go a little way to helping us to protect the most valued and necessary front line services. The focus now needs to shift to influencing the Government to look again at the level of grant funding in the following year, 2012-13."

The figure for 2012-13 is £5.343m, another £51,000 lower than that announced last month.

The Cabinet will finalise its budget proposals on Tuesday, February 15 at 6pm at Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster.

Promise on future of forest

THE Wyre Forest will not be sold off into commercial hands, MP Mark Garnier has declared.

But the ownership of heritage forests could pass to charity through a trust arrangement or lease. And parts of the Wyre Forest designated multi-purpose could be leased out, though with "strict criteria" for access and usage.

The Wyre Forest MP described Government consultation proposals as "detailed and reassuring". He added: "There is no intention to sell Wyre Forest into commercial hands. However, this does give local groups the opportunity to take over the running of the forest for the benefit of the community.

"There are many laws surrounding access, rights of way, and planning and preservation that will protect the forest."

Review is music to the ears



Eyes left: Clarinet players from Worcestershire Youth Music

THE county's youth music provision has been praised in an independent review.

The summary report from last autumn's inspection says Worcestershire Youth Music has developed since the previous year's review.

It recognises the outstanding achievement of the service's orchestras and bands.

It also praises the high value placed on tuition and the strength of the leadership team. The review, led by the nationwide Music Services Evaluation Partner initiative, was the third of a three-year moderation process.

Colin Farlow, acting head of WYM, said: "This is well deserved recognition for the hard work and dedication that the team of teachers, admin staff and managers have put into music education in Worcestershire."

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Artist's life work now in print

ONE of Britain's most celebrated living railway artists has finally compiled a book about his life and work.

Severn Valley Railway volunteer John Austin has resisted numerous requests to bring his work together in volume form.

But "Smoke, Steam and Light: The railway art of John Austin" presents more than 100 of his best portrayals of steam trains.

Each one is accompanied by text explaining the setting, subject and the techniques used to create it.

There is also a detailed bibliography which provides insight into the inspiration, personal perspective and thoughts that lie behind Austin's pictures, which are renowned for their depictions of landscapes and turbulent weather. These paintings have helped Austin win numerous Guild of Railway Artist awards.



The cover of John Austin's book
Picture: Haynes Publishing

In 1987 he moved to Bridgnorth to start living the dream.

Working as a volunteer at the nearby SVR, he found the ideal environment in which to learn more about his subject. Today, he splits his time between Bridgnorth and Dawlish.

Smoke, Steam and Light is published by Haynes at £40.

Animal fun as library prepares to re-open

STOURPORT library is to hold a series of free events to celebrate its re-opening.

The library is currently closed up to and including February 16 while self-service machines are installed.

But on Saturday, February 19 Stourport Library will host a day of fun.

Visitors can try sports games on a Wii console in the first-floor gallery from 10am-3pm.

Monday, February 21 sees the return of the Bookstart Bear at 10.30am with Animal Rhymetime, a session of music, songs and rhymes with an animal theme designed for children up to seven years old.

The following day from 10am-10.45am children aged five-11 can make an animal mask at a colouring and drawing workshop.

Lizards

An animal-themed storytime on Thursday, February 24 from 10.30am to 11am sees seven-year-olds asked to bring their favourite cuddly toy animal.

At Animal Mania, on Friday, February 25, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, children can meet animals including tortoises, lizards, snakes, frogs, rabbits, chinchillas and guinea pigs. Booking is essential.

On Saturday, February 26 there will be an event featuring one of the editors of the popular book Bugged...Writings from Overhearings, put together by writers taking part in a mass eavesdropping experiment.

Tickets for this should also be booked in advance. For information or to book, call Maureen Hobbs on 01905 822722 or email stourportlib@worcestershire.gov.uk


Teachers Tracey Rowbottom (back, centre) and Lesley Garland with pupils, from left, Jordan Rowbottom, Ben Evans and Louisa Garland with their Tudor creations

Building up the Tudor background

CHILDREN from a Stourport school harked back 500 years to learn about Tudor architecture.

Year Five pupils at Burlish Park Primary School created their own models from the period, based on stately homes such as Hampton Court.

Parents and grandparents were also invited to school to help out.

They listened to children sharing what they had gained from the lessons, which also included studying Tudor designs and planning the models which they went on to make in craft sessions.

Heather Lindley, the Burlish teacher responsible for the event, said: "We never imagined it would be such a huge success.

"Both the children and the adults have learned so much from the experience.

"We would definitely look to organise a similar event very soon," she added.

Work on cemetery is hit by weather

THE opening date for Wyre Forest district's new £4.2million cemetery and crematorium has been delayed by three months after severe weather held up construction work.

Originally, work on the 23-acre site at Minster Road, between Kidderminster and Stourport, was due to be completed in May.

But Wyre Forest District Council said that it had been forced to push the date back to August due to delays which were caused by the big freeze.

Entire

And the official opening ceremony for the site will not be held until September although the facility, which will serve the entire district, will actually begin operating a month earlier.

The new cemetery and crematorium is being created because space is beginning to run out at the existing burial ground in Park Lane.

It is being built by the district council in partnership with Dignity PLC.

Work started last June after nearly three years on the drawing board.

The delay means construction of the cemetery and crematorium will have taken more than a year to complete.

A broad, tree-lined road will provide access to the crematorium buildings.

Wyre Forest District Council has provided £1.2m towards the project costs.

Councillor Tracey Onslow, the authority's cabinet member for community and partnership services, said: "The severe winter has led to unavoidable delays in the construction so the scheduled completion date has had to be moved back.

Banking

"The site will not be officially opened until September but will be up and running around a month before then," she added.

Proposals for the site were first granted planning permission in July 2007.

It was feared that the development would be shelved after £9m of the district council's funds became frozen following the Icelandic banking crisis.

But the council was able to find its share of the cost from its existing funds to ensure that the scheme went ahead.

Monthly book sale

A CHURCH book sale in Kidderminster will open its doors every month due to popular demand.

The next nearly new book sale, at All Saints Church, Kidderminster Road, will take place on Valentines Day, Monday, February 14, from 10am until 12.30pm.

Second

The sale, which will boast books, videos, DVDs, CDs and jigsaws, will then take place on the second Monday of every month.

Refreshments will also be available at the venue.

WAKE UP TO BREAKFAST WITH

TOM CAMPBELL



Hurray, I've palmed off the show onto Stuart

YOU'LL NOTICE this week I sound very different on the radio. A bit older, a bit wiser, and I've started calling myself Stuart Hickman. Either that or I'm away this week!

This column comes written whilst under a palm tree overlooking the crisp, blue ocean as the sun sets over beautiful, enchanting...Manchester. Oh yeah, my Bahamas trip is NEXT year, I'm on a city break.

Rest assured I shall be back in the hot seat next week playing more great songs to get your morning started across north Worcestershire.

Next week we'll also be cranking up the training in the run-up to the Wyre Forest 5K jog. I have been keeping an exercise and a food diary (neither as interesting as keeping real diaries, for the record) to share with Nina. Our resident Lady of the Lane Closures has a series of intense training tasks for me to undertake as the days count down to the big event.

Don't forget to log onto our website, www.thewyre.com, where you can watch all my training videos PLUS donate to the British Heart Foundation – a worthy cause that I'm raising money for by putting my body through all sorts of nonsense.

Don't forget that if you have community or charity events coming up, then send us the details at The Wyre. We read out what's happening your end on all of our regular programmes and get north Worcestershire to come and see you. Email dj@thewyre.com

Right, I'm off back to my pina colada and I might go for a quick dip in the pool. That's what I'd say if I was in the Bahamas. Instead, I'll put my coat on and brave the crowds at the Trafford Centre. Have a good one!

If you need to contact 107.2 The Wyre or have a community announcement, email info@thewyre.com

TOP TEN PLAYLIST OF WEEK



Heartfelt – Marli Harwood

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Marli Harwood

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Taio Cruz
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King of Anything
Sara Bareilles

The Last Dance
Clare Maguire

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Rolling in the Deep
Adele

What's My Name?
Rihanna

The Roller
Beady Eye

Hollywood
Michael Jackson

Looking for a Girl
Teddy Thompson

WEATHER UPDATE

The good news is that today should be bright and dry.

The other side of the coin is that tomorrow looks cloudier and more breezy with a return of the rain.

At the weekend the picture is unsettled with temperatures mild but still plenty of wind and more than a touch of rain. Next week may be colder.



DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving . . .

Kidderminster
A449 Chester Road North has temporary traffic lights until today (February 10).

Stourport
A451 Minster Road has lane two closed opposite Bonemill Tip today (February 10).

Lickhill Road has temporary traffic lights until tomorrow (February 11).

B4195 Bewdley Road North has temporary traffic lights today (February 11).

Bewdley
B4190 Beales Corner has the nearside lane closed from the junction of Stourport Road to Load Street today (February 10).

A456 Kidderminster Road has temporary traffic lights near the West Midland Safari Park until tomorrow (February 11).

Harvington
Harvington Hall Lane closed between Morton Road and the A448 Bromsgrove Road until March 6.

Winterfold
A448 Bromsgrove Road has traffic lights until March 14.

Hartlebury
A449 Waresley to Torton Road has a speed limit of 40mph and contra flow until April 1.

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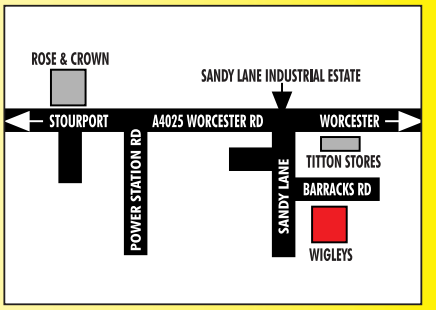
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PEOPLE in Wolverley have been given the opportunity to light up their church.

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Their name will also go in the parish magazine along with the reason they have sponsored the lighting.

The project has been running for 14 months, and last year raised £511 which went towards the day to day running of the church.

It was implemented Shirley Lacey, a member of the church choir, who brought the idea from her old church.

She said: "It was a slow start but it's really taking off now. There's already about 30 bookings for this year."

To book call Mrs Lacey on 07817 731023. A donation of £5 per night is recommended.

Blood donor date is set

TWO blood donor sessions will take place in Kidderminster next week.

They run from 1.15-3.30pm and 4.30-7.15pm on Friday, February 18 at Trinity Methodist Church in Churchfields, Kidderminster.

Appointments are recommended: Call 03001 232323.

Young snappers in the frame



Snapping up the prizes: From left, Christopher Onions, junior vice-president of Bewdley Rotary Club, Bewdley Mayor Paul Gittins, Joe Turner, Jessica Turner and Camille Harding. *Picture: Colin Hill*

TWO budding photographers have snapped up an award – and the opportunity to compete against others in the region.

The winners of The Rotary Young Photography Competition have been named as Camille Harding, aged 16, and Joe Turner, 12.

The pair, from Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre, won the junior and senior prizes.

The competition attracted 33 entries which each photographer producing four shots on the theme Community Spirit.

It is the third year that the Rotary Club and the school have taken part in the competition which covers Britain and Ireland.

Jessica Turner was awarded the Bewdley Rotary prize for the best overall single photograph.

The images by Camille and Joe will now go on to the next round of the competition, covering the Midlands.

Teams plugging 500 potholes

ALMOST 500 potholes in Wyre Forest have been repaired since the start of the year.

The number represents around a quarter of all potholes repaired across Worcestershire.

A total of 480 potholes in the district have been repaired by highway maintenance teams in five weeks, with 320 more lined up for repairs in the following 10 days.

Council spokesman Oliver Kinbrum said Wyre Forest had a higher number of potholes compared with other county districts as it covers such a large geographical area.

It also has more than one urban centre with a higher concentration of roads – unlike, for example, Redditch, which just has one centre.

Across the county, more than 2,000 potholes have been repaired since the start of the year after weeks of sub-zero temperatures left roads badly damaged.

A maintenance team is also on standby in case the freezing weather returns. Cost of the work has yet to be calculated.

Cabinet member for safe environment, Councillor Derek Prodger MBE, said the freeze had inevitably resulted in potholes appearing. "We are hopeful that the substantial resurfacing work undertaken across the county in the last year has gone some way to mitigating this," he added.

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Barrels of laughs in a thriller



About turn: Anne's got the gun – but has Herman got a knife?

COMEDY thriller Stage Struck should be packing them in at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre next week.

Simon Gray's play is an elaborate cat and mouse game in which nothing and no-one are quite what they appear to be.

Failed actor Robert (Martin Copland-Gray) was a good stage manager who gave up his career to look after and support his wife Anne (Kerena Taylor), a rich and successful actress.

But she has a cunning plan to acquire evidence of Robert's infidelity in order to turn him out of her life and home.

Then there's neighbour Herman (Stefan Austin) and the psychiatrist Widdecombe (Robert Graham). What part do they play?

Robert sees through Anne's plot and works out a bizarre method by which he hopes to teach all those involved a lesson.

Guessing

The play, staged by The Nonentities, ends with a number of twists that will keep members of the audience guessing right up to the curtain fall.

Stage Struck runs from Monday, February 14 to Saturday, February 19.

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Vintage – how the rare Stevens three-wheeled van would have looked originally



Tight fit – the vintage vehicle squeezes into a modern van



Demolishing part of the barn in Scotland in order to get at the Stevens van

Enthusiast to be light van man as a bit of history comes home



David Spruce from Stourbridge who is restoring a 1932 Stevens Brothers van



Rescued from a Scottish barn, a piece of motoring history has now been returned to its roots. **PETER CARROLL** reports

VINTAGE bike enthusiast David Spruce is about to embark on an 18-month labour of love to restore a rare Wolverhampton-built three-wheeler light van to its former glory.

David, from Stourbridge, travelled all the way to northern Scotland to rescue the dilapidated Stevens Light Commercial van and bring it 'home' to the West Midlands.

The vehicle, which is basically a motorcycle at the front and van at the back, was made in 1932 as the Stevens brothers attempted to get their Wolverhampton manufacturing business back on track following the collapse of their firm AJS the previous year.

Depression

The brothers' business went into liquidation and was subsequently sold following the Wall Street Crash and the resulting depression.

As a result they were unable to use the AJS name when they returned to manufacturing and the light van was badged as a Stevens Brothers vehicle.

The Light Commercial was a successful product in its day with around 500 being made at the brothers' Retreat Street works.

But only a handful have survived and there are thought to be only around half a dozen similar vehicles remaining, with most in foreign ownership.

So when self-employed lorry driver David, of Thicknall Drive, saw the rare Stevens on ebay he immediately made an offer of £1,000 for it.

The owner wanted to hold out for more cash, however, and must have been disappointed when David won the auction with the price at a price of just over £400.

He and a pal subsequently made a near 800-mile return trip to a remote farm near Brora to pick up the Stevens – only to find it was at the back of a barn and they couldn't get it out.

"It was in a terrible, shocking state when we found it and it seems that it had just lain there for nearly 60 years," he said.

"It was stuck at the back of the barn and we couldn't get to it."

Eventually he was given permission to demolish part of the barn in order to remove the vintage vehicle.

"The barn was due to be demolished anyway so I don't think they minded too much.

"The whole job took all afternoon – and then we thought we weren't going to be able to get into our van but it just fitted in."

The Stevens is now in David's workshop and he plans to start the restoration process by fabricating a new chassis.

He has already had a stroke of luck in securing a Stevens engine from a similar van of around that vintage.

Friends

He intends to do as much of the work as possible and can draw on help from friends who are fellow members of the Vintage Motor Cycle Club.

David, who is aged 43 and married, hopes to complete the restoration in time to show off the Stevens in the summer of 2012.

In the meantime, he is trying to uncover more of the history of the light van – and what it was doing in northern Scotland.

"We found a milk churn in the barn so we think it might have been an early milk float," he said.

When the restoration is complete the Stevens will look similar to another model which is currently owned by the Black Country Living Museum.

"They have already expressed an interest in it but they've already got one so I'll be keeping this one for myself."

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Read all about it! Who's in town?



BRITAIN'S favourite girl group The Saturdays provide a Valentine's Day treat for pop fans at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Monday.

Since they debuted in 2007 the girls have sold nearly two million records and racked up a very impressive seven top 10 singles. They have fronted a major campaign as the face of Impulse and starred in The Saturdays: 24/7, a prime-time behind-the scenes documentary for ITV2.

The Saturdays' new album Headlines!, released through Fascination Records, went straight into the UK albums chart at number three upon release, following the smash hit single Missing You.

Headlines! is an eight-track album that includes a handful of sparkling new songs plus Ego and their number two smash from last year, Forever Is Over.

The new album is the result of studio sessions that took place during Ego's four-month chart reign last year.

Una Healy, Frankie Sandford, Rochelle Wiseman, Mollie King and Vanessa White are experts on the live circuit having performed to thousands on their sold out 2009 tour and have since dazzled fans at festivals across the country.

Rochelle said: "We couldn't be more excited for the Headlines! tour. Performing live is absolutely our favourite part of being in The Saturdays, and we can't wait to see all our fans up and down the country!"

The Saturdays will be supported at the concert by boy band Twenty Twenty.

Tickets are priced £24.50.



When will we see them again? On February 18 at the Palace Theatre, Redditch.

More degrees of successful soul

THIRTY-PLUS years on, The Three Degrees are again touring their classy soul.

The group will always be associated with their classic When Will I See You Again.

It was a major hit throughout the world, topping the chart in the USA, Britain, Japan and most European countries.

Other popular hits by the group include Dirty O'l Man and Take Good Care of Yourself.

Today, the line-up consists of Valerie Holiday, Helen Scott and Cynthia Garrison. And The Three Degrees are certified in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest running female vocal group.

Their guest at Redditch's Palace Theatre on Friday, February 18 (7.30pm) is Linda Lewis, who fused elements of folk, soul, pop, rock and reggae into a unique signature sound.

Her most successful album Not A Little Girl Anymore has been repackaged 35 years after release. Tickets: 01527 65203 or via www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk

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Niki stars in Blood Brothers

Matt to put gloss on Footloose

BUSTED star Matt Willis is gearing up for his role in the musical Footloose at Birmingham Hippodrome.

The I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here winner in 2006 is playing the role of Chuck in the dance musical which can be seen at Birmingham Hippodrome from March 14 to 19.

Directed and choreographed by Olivier award- winner Karen Bruce, the fast-paced show is packed with lots of dance as well as some classic 80s anthems, including the hit title



Matt Willis

track Footloose! It tells the story of a city boy, Ren, who moves to a rural backwater in America where dancing is banned.

Tickets are priced £13 to £33 and available at www.birminghamhippodrome.com or on 0844 338 5000.

RADIO and TV regular Mark Steel, who has been a stand-up comedian for nearly 30 years, brings his comic musings to Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Thursday, February 17. The sharp-witted Steel is still at the top of his game, as anyone who tunes into Radio 4's The News Quiz will know. Tickets cost £15.

WILLY Russell's moving musical Blood Brothers, about twins separated at birth who are reunited with tragic results, returns to Wolverhampton next week with former X Factor finalist Niki Evans in the key role of Mrs Johnstone.

Russell's hard-hitting, dramatic, but often very funny, musical has been a West End fixture for many years.

The touring production featured Lynn Paul when it last came to the Grand Theatre and now Tamworth-based Niki Evans takes on the role of the broken-hearted Liverpudlian mother, singing Tell Me It's Not True and Marilyn Monroe. Blood Brothers is at the Grand from Monday to the following Saturday.

Meanwhile, RSC and Star Wars actor Oliver Ford Davies plays the title role in wartime weepy Goodnight Mister Tom, a new stage adaptation of Michelle Margorian's novel until Saturday.

Classic romantic

One of the country's most innovative and popular dance companies, Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, return to Birmingham Hippodrome on Tuesday with a radical new interpretation of Cinderella. He has won praise and acclaim for his rreworking of Swan Lake and the New Adventures' versions of Edward Scissorhands, The Nutcracker! and Dorian Gray.

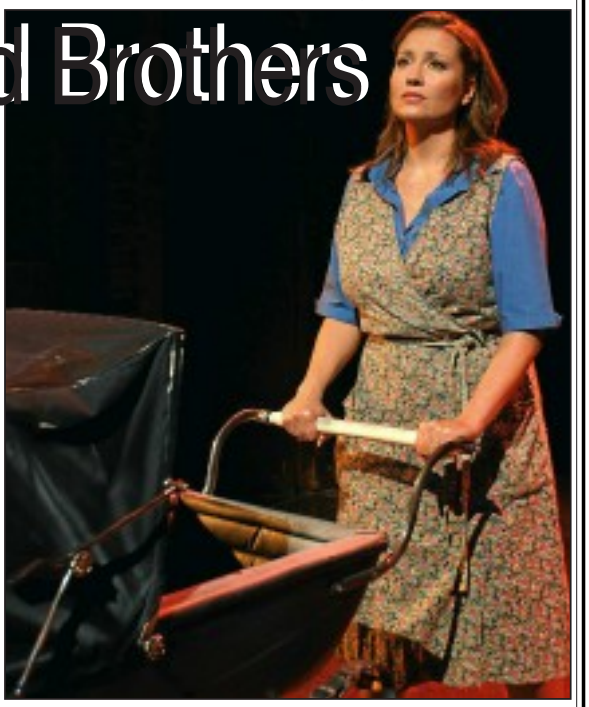
His revamp of Cinderella tells the story against the background of Blitz-era London with Prokofiev's classic romantic score the soundtrack to Cinderella's journey through the blackout to find romance with a dashing young RAF pilot. It is staged at the Hippodrome to Saturday, February 19.

Craig Revel Horwood's flamboyant revival of 1980s musical Chess, which Tim Rice wrote with the male half of Abba, is at the Hippodrome to this Saturday. Shona White is the woman caught between Russian and American chess grandmasters. The stand out song is I Know Him So Well.

There is a series of one-nighters at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre. On Friday Roger Dean and the Lazy Boys present their tribute to a country music legend in The Johnny Cash Story. The Real Deal Comedy Jam are hosted by Kat B on Saturday and feature London comic Kane Brown, Canadian Jag Ghankas, American Nema Williams, who is one of P Diddy's Bad Boys of Comedy, and New Yorker Frantz Casseus.

Dance sensations Flawless, from Britain's Got Talent, perform their variety of dazzling dance styles on Sunday night.

Steve Delaney brings his BBC Radio 4 comedy character, the language mangling former variety star Count Arthur Strong there on Monday for his Command Performance.



Former X Factor finalist Niki Evans, who plays the key role of Mrs Johnstone in Blood Brothers at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre

Birmingham Rep's first off-site production is Kenny Baraka's musical post-apocalyptic tale The Remembers. The one hour tale of a teenager who holds the key to mankind's future will be at a warehouse at the AE Harris Building in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter to February 19. Contact the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Anton De Beke and Erin Boag from Strictly Come Dancing are Puttin' On The Ritz in matinee and evening performances at the Symphony Hall this Saturday. Elkie Brooks is in concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday. Then the venue hosts schoolchildren from across the city at 3.15pm and 6pm on Sunday for the children's musical fantasy Romany Wood in aid of Birmingham St Mary's Hospice.

Gareth Gates duets with fellow West End star Scarlett Strallen in the Valentine's at the Musicals concert at Birmingham's Symphony Hall and The Creole Choir of Cuba are at the Town Hall. Both are on Monday.

Birmingham School of Acting's spring season includes Jewish drama A Dybbuk in the main house at The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, to Saturday. During the same period BSA perform adults' only drama Piano/Forte in the Crescent's Ron Barber Studio.

Masked theatre group Vamos look at nurses during the Second World War with song and dance in Nursing Lives at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Wednesday.

There is a choice of comedy tonight (Thursday) with Freak Like Me presenter Russell Kane at The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, Mock The Week irregular Zoe Lyons at Brum's Glee Club and John Shuttleworth at Birmingham Town Hall.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Cbeebies Numtums Live. 9.45 Baking Mantra Crazy (R) 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.15 Football Focus. 10.45 British Olympic Dreams. 11.15 Grandstand of Sport (R) 2.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union: England v Italy (Twickenham). 4.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 4.40 Live Six Nations Rugby Union: Scotland v Wales (Murrayfield). 5.40 Six Nations Highlights. 6.40 Match of the Day Live. Premier League football. 7.30 Ski Sunday. Winter sports. 8.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Results show. 8.40 Strictly Come Dancing. Results show. 9.00 The One Show. 9.30 Eastenders. 10.00 News; Regional News; Weather. 10.30 Sport Relief Does Comic Relief Does Fame Academy. Comedy. 11.00 Have I Got News For You. (R) 11.30 Match of the Day 2. Premier League football. 12.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Cbeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Escape to the Country (R) 10.30 Flog It!. Antiques. (New) Medium, daring Henry Fonda and Judy Kaye, are into the Red. (R) 11.30 Final Score. 12.00 Film: Easy Virtue. (2008) Romantic-period comedy-drama. Jessica Biel and Ben Barnes.

1.45 Film: Easy A. Emma Watson and Amanda Bynes. (R) 3.30 Bob's Asleep. The Adventure Game shows. 4.00 Bladebuilder Rides Again. A celebration of the classic comedy, featuring interviews with all the main stars, including Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson, and Miranda Richardson. (R) 5.00 Portillo's Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo examines how literary characters have revealed the truth about love, from a Jane Austen to Mr Darcy to Alan Hollinghurst's Nick Guest. 6.00 The Victoria Queen. Victoria is blackmailed by a former lover. 6.30 House Doctor. Eddie continues to disrupt Jackie's home life. 7.00 Fawlty Towers. Featuring Gary Bruce, Justin Edwards and Pippa Evans. (R) 8.00 Film: Le Week-End. (2007) Romantic French drama-of British Pat starring Marion Cotillard and Richard Dreyfuss. 9.40 Film: Rapture. (1965) Psychological thriller, starring Catherine Deneuve and Ian Hendry. 11.40 Close.

ITV1

6.00 GTK Mini. GTU. 9.25 GTK Saturday Cooking. 9.30 Coronation Street. 10.00 This Morning. Saturday. 12.30 Martin. 1.00 ITV News; Weather; Lottery Times; Birds in Action. (2008) Live action and animated comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. 4.45 Film: Ben Stiller. Episode U – The Bionic Bionic Book. (1995) The robots are deployed after an attack on their secret base and Luke Skywalker goes in search of a Jedi master. Dark adventure sequel, starring Mark Hamill. 6.00 Regional Programmes.

6.30 ITV News; Weather. 6.35 How You've Been Framed! Featuring a cookie collection. 6.50 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's events and look at highlights. 7.20 Ask a Boy's Pride to the Ballet. New series. Two families compete for a huge cash prize. 8.20 This Is Me. A care worker, a student, a publisher and a civil servant take it in turns to do 90 single-handed, and face each challenge on their own. 9.20 Doubletree. Grant begins to think that Troy is cheating on him and the Chronicle staff tries to find him trouble with the police. Maddie's mother (Dana Delany) arrives to cheer things. 10.20 ITV Digital Sunday. 10.50 Film: Shaun of the Dead. (2004) Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 12.35 The Stamp Wife. 12.50 ITV Nightscreen. 12.55 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Pimp My Ride. (R) 7.30 The Morning Line. 8.00 T4. Presented by Steve Jones and Dermot O'Leary. 8.30 T4 Goes Mobile. 8.40 T4 Goes Wild. 8.50 T4 Presents. (R) 9.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 9.30 T4 Presents. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.30 T4 Presents. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 Channel 4 Racing. 12.00 The Secret Garden Club. 12.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.30 Come Dine with Me. (R)

2.00 The Political Show. With Gordon Brown MP and Nigel Farage. 3.00 Channel 4 News. 3.30 Working Lunch. The issue of smoking in children. 3.50 Film: The Keepers of Extraordinary Creatures. (2000) Comedy-fantasy adventure, with Sean Connery and Diane Venora. 5.25 The Million Pound Drop Live. Gordon McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win a million pounds – all they have to do is hold on to it until the end of the programme. 6.30 Film: A Fish Called Wanda. (1988) Comedy thriller, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline. 8.25 The Pursuit of Happyness. (2006) Drama. The Freddy Mercury Picture Show. (1974) Cult musical, starring Tim Curry. 10.40 My Friend Michael Sarrazin. (R) 11.30 A Guide to Taking a Photo. (R) 12.00 Dirty Sexy Money. (R) 12.55 Vicious. Perfect Pencil. (R) 1.25 Beauty and the Geek. (R) 1.40 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.00 Made in Newcastle. (R) 10.00 Celebrity Dogs. (R) 10.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 11.00 Lorraine. 11.30 World Sports Report. 2011. 12.00 Top Road Trains. (R) 1.00 Building the Super Bridge. Documentary. (R) 2.00 Film: Flipper. Western (1964) Made-for-TV thriller, starring Dana Delany, James Stewart. 5.00 Five Reasons You Don't Know. (2003) Made-for-TV thriller, starring Dana Delany, James Nesbitt and Bill Nighy. Short.

6.30 Five News. 7.00 Film: A comedy-drama about a hotel pool cleaner who becomes embroiled in a series of other-worldly happenings, set in one of three universes at the same time. 8.00 Film: Fear Factor. A man is paralysed by a car crash and believes he can hear the decomposing body of his former self in a warehouse, but a psychiatrist suggests a different explanation. 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Comedy. 10.00 Film: Cruise Control. 11.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 11.30 Made in Newcastle. (R) 12.00 Hindu Helpline. (R) 12.30 The Mitchell Show. (R) 1.00 Thomas & Friends. (R) 1.30 Everything Everything Car. (R)

Digital

ITV3
2.00 Film: Life On Earth. Harry Hill's TV Burp. 3.00 Film: A Reason to Live, A Reason to Die. (1974) 4.30 Film: Wheels of Terror. (1990) 6.00 Film: Hidden Agenda. (1990) 7.30 Film: Hollywood Queens.

ITV4
2.00 Rugby Union: Six Nations Match Replay. 4.15 Rugby League: Super League Match Replay. 6.30 Six Nations Highlights.

ITV2
2.00 Film: Wild Wild West. (1999) 5.30 Film: Hollywood Queens.

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Choice



BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS

BBC1, 9pm

Portentously surrounding Jonathan Ross hosts the event live from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Dinner-night, big Hollywood stars will in attendance with lesser-known British thespians. For example, in the Best Supporting Actress category Amy Adams (The Fighter) tackles Lesley Manville (Another Year) and Melanie Pinkman on Made in Dagenham). Bizarrely not in it will be in the biggie – Best Film. The King's Speech faces off right against Black Swan, Inception, The Social Network and True Grit – and at the moment, it's too close to call.

BBC1

9.00 Breakfast. 9.25 Mortimer the Boy (R) 9.40 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Top Gear. 11.00 Come Dancing Tackle. 12.00 The Fifteen Show. 1.00 Eastenders. 2.15 Live Six Nations Rugby Union: Ireland v France (Kick-off 3.00pm). John Inverdale introduces coverage of the final match of the second weekend of the championship, as the action moves to the Aviva Stadium. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.45 BBC News. Regional News Magazines.

6.00 Antiques Roadshow From Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire.

7.00 Countryfile. A visit to Northern Ireland, where Matt Baker tries his hand at potentially dangerous and Ellie Harrison searches for the golden hare on Rathlin Island.

8.00 Last Man Standing. Caroline (Susan Franklin) returns to Lark Rise. Last in the series.

9.00 British Academy Film Awards. Jonathan Ross presents the annual ceremony from London's Royal Opera House, where leading contenders in a glittering period drama, The King's Speech and psychological thriller Black Swan.

11.40 BBC News at Ten and Weather.

12.05 Film: Kill Me Again (2000) Period drama, with Val Kilmer, Joanne Whalley, Jonathan Hyde, Tony Wilkinson and Gillian Murphy. Yet another.

1.50 Sign Zone: Holby City (T) 2.40 Making Goodness Landscape (T) 3.00 Climbing Great Buildings (R) 3.40 Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 4.30 Inside Britain (R) 5.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. **8.00 Something for the Weekend.** 9.30 Fine Art with Charles Saatchi (R) 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.30 Film: The Wrong Man (1956) Alfred Hitchcock's thrilling tale, with Henry Fonda and Vera Miles. 12.05 Eastenders. 12.35 Fireside. Antiques Roadshow (R) 1.40 Top Gear (R) 2.30 Escape to the Country. Nick Knowles. (R) 3.20 Gardeners' World.

4.15 Film: Shanghai Knights. (2003) Martial arts-comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.

6.00 Toy Time. The presenters play for second-hand convertibles, uncovering the pitfalls to look out for when buying a used car. Star on Peggy's car to the task in the Personality Mixed Car.

6.30 The Ghost Hunters Have Fun and Games. New series. Documentary following British workers as they try to do their jobs in some of the world's most interesting locations. Meanwhile Angie Dye commutes to Guernsey's City.

8.00 Clash of the Sky 4. Highlights of Bolton Wanderers v Everton.

10.15 Film: The City of the Dead (2000) Premiere. A man moves to the countryside after his divorced and finds himself chief suspect when his ex's boyfriend disappears. Thriller, with Hayley Condliffe.

12.05 Film: Expired (2003) Premiere. Romantic drama, with Samantha Morton. 2.00 BBC News. Weather.

ITV1

9.00 GTV: Mini GTV. 9.30 GTV: Mini Max the Best House Win (R) 10.00 The Biggest Loser (R) 11.00 This Morning. Sunday Best. 12.00 Dance Date. (R) 12.30 ITV News. Weather. 1.00 Film: Cold Day Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 3.00 Regional Programmes. 3.30 ITV News. Weather.

4.00 Body Hits TV Body. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

5.00 Breaking Bad. The nine-to-nothing oddities made to his many popular readers.

6.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Danny discovers Alice could be to blame for a tiger's death.

7.00 Breaking Bad: The Shots Off. The two housebreaking couples compete.

8.00 The Sunday Night Show. Duncan Bannatyne is among the guests joining Adam Giles.

9.00 ITV News Weather.

9.20 Freddie Flintoff's Ashes: the Movie. The former cricketer takes on athlete Ivan Thomas in Arizona.

10.20 Comedy Roadshow with Jason Manford. Variety show, with Adam Drury, Alfie Boe, Zoe Lyons, Matt Lucas and Mike Pik (T)

12.00 Premiership Rugby Union 12.30 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 1.00 Film: The Birds (1963) Hitchcock thriller, starring Tippi Hedren, Rod Taylor, Suzanne Pleshette and Veronica Cartwright. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen 3.05 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treasure People (R) 6.30 The Hoobs (R) 7.00 FBI World Sweepstakes Championship. 7.30 The Fabulous Baker Brothers. (R) 8.00 Tickle Your Fancy. (R) 8.30 Tickle Your Fancy. (R) 9.00 Hollyoaks. 9.30 Tickle Your Fancy. (R) 10.00 The Simpsons. (R) 10.30 The Simpsons. (R) 11.00 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 11.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.00 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 1.00 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 1.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 2.00 Deal or No Deal. 3.00 Time Team.

5.00 Channel 4 News.

5.30 Weatherview.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. The dinner party challenge leads to South Buckinghamshire.

8.00 The People's Supermarket. Arthur Potts Dawson promotes his cutlery and a council estate.

9.00 The Fitzrovia. Erin may have to deal with the aftermath of the suicide bombing, and decides to leave Israel at the earliest opportunity – until a shocking encounter with Lee changes her mind.

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Juliette Lewis, Miranda Hart, Dermot O'Leary and the Streets. (R)

11.00 Film: LA Confidential. (1997) Thriller, with Russell Crowe, Guy Pearce, Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Kim Basinger.

2.05 Mohammed Box (R) 3.05 The Family (R) 4.00 Brothers A Gotwo. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Nihalchild. Pepper Pig. 6.30 Postcode Poorly. Cor. (R) 9.00 Fit and the Hoopsters. (R) 9.30 Fireman Sam. (R) 9.55 Doc Gibbon. Danny Fetch Friends. (R) 10.30 Tiny Stevens. (R) 10.55 Mr Men Show. (R) 11.00 Chris. (R) Bethany and Mr. Bubble Full of Bubbles. (R) 11.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 12.00 Milkshake Monkey. (R) 12.30 Nihalchild. Ready Key for Party. (R) 2.00 Jane Clayton. (R) 4.00 Little Princess. (R) 4.30 The Adventures of Spider Pig. Bill and His Best Friend Darby. (R) 4.55 Postcode Poorly. (R) 5.00 Pepper Pig. (R) 5.25 The Mr Men Show. (R) 5.50 The Milkshake Show. (R) 6.00 The Family People. (R) 6.30 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 7.00 Snowed In at Uncle Sam's. (R) 8.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 9.00 Derby Builders. (R) 10.00 Film: Forty Guns to Apache Pass. (1967) Western, starring Audie Murphy. 11.40 Film: What a Girl Wants (2003) Comedy-romance, starring Amanda Bynes. 1.40 Film: Pocahontas. (1995) Disney animated drama, with the voices of Irene Bedard.

5.00 Five News.

5.30 Film: Herbie Goes Bananas (1980) Thriller, starring Roberts Moore and Aurore Mason.

7.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop. (2009) Cop thriller, where partners with a good Detective and Foxy Lieutenant.

9.15 Film: An Awesome Wedding. (2009) Foul-mouthed friend helps, starring Donald Sutherland.

11.20 Supercasino. 11.50 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.45 Made in Chelsea. (R) 1.45 Home Hotline. (R) 2.00 The Millionaire Show. (R) 2.30 Thomas & Friends. (R) 3.00 Peppa Pig. (R) 3.15 Postcode Poorly. Cor. (R)

Digital

ITV2

2.35 Film: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) 5.15 How Weve Been Framed! 5.35 Take Me Out: The Best of Series 1 6.30 Film: Brian Banjo's Day Off 8.00 Film: Bright Young Things (2003)

ITV3

7.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 10.55 The Return of Sherlock Holmes 12.45 Poirot 2.40 Miss Marple 4.30 Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4

7.00 Inspector Lewis 8.50 Film: Gladiator (2000) 12.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 1.50 The Return of Sherlock Holmes 4.35 Poirot 6.25 Miss Marple 8.05 Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV9

2.05 Film: Big Eyes (1974) 3.50 Film: The Dam Busters (1954) 6.30 The Sweeney 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Hitler's Men (1995) 11.00 Film: The Hitler (2004)

BBC THREE

7.00 The Real Hustle 7.30 Holby City 8.30 British Academy Film Awards 11.40 Great Movie Mistakes 12.05 Daily Heroes 12.30 Family Guy 12.45 American Dad! 1.30 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Story of Science – Power, Progress and Passion 8.00 Rocketship: The Space Age and Beyond 9.00 Angels of Mons: Inspiration and Resistance 10.00 The Fields of Fergus 10.05 Angels Rise Up: Fergus Our Hero 11.15 Film: Babylon (1980)

E4

4.50 Film: The Italian Job (2003) 6.50 Friends 7.30 Celebrity Juice 8.30 Friends (2003)

FILM4

4.00 Hollyoaks Omnibus 10.55 Double Dare 12.30 Film: Sabrina (1995) 2.40 Film: Pitch Black (2000) 4.30 Film: Bright Young Things (2003) 6.00 Film: Dirty Dancing (1987) 8.00 Film: Bright Young Things (2003) 9.40 Film: Dirty Dancing (1987) 11.30 Film: Pitch Black (2000) 1.15 Film: Sabrina (1995) 3.00 Film: Dirty Dancing (1987) 4.45 Film: Bright Young Things (2003)



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Monday

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BBC 2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 From Thames to Tigris. 1.30 Due South. (R) 2.15 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Geert Wilders: Europe's Most Dangerous Man? 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Baking Made Easy. 9.00 Horizon: How to Mend a Broken Heart. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mail Men. 12.05 An Island Parish. (R) 12.35 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV 1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Millionaire Minders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Lakes. 9.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Biggest Loser. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Total Emergency. (R) 11.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 12.05 Grimefighters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Relocation Phil Down Under. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The TV Book Club. 12.30 Film: Luana. (1994) Murder mystery with Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney. 2.30 Cookery School. 3.00 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal: Love Week. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts. 8.00 Dispatches: Lessons in Hate and Violence. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 11.10 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 12.10 Mudo on 4: Tom Cruise: Life of a Predator. 12.55 Premier League Poker. 1.40 Mockney. (R) 2.30 Dispatches: Lessons in Hate and Violence. (R) 3.30 The Last Dragon. (R) 5.30 Wogan: Perfect Recall. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 The Vanessa Show. 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.40 Five News. 12.55 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 1.55 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 The Family Recipe. (R) 2.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 3.10 Film: Derby. (2007) Family drama, starring John Schneider. 5.00 Five News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Oki Tiki. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; Five News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; Five News at 9. 9.00 Royal Navy Caribbean Patrol. 10.00 Steven Seagal v Justin Lee Collins. 11.00 Flint. Half Past Dead. (2002) 12.50 Supercasino. 1.05 The FBI Files. (R) 1.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC 2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.15 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Living Dangerously. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.25 Flog It! (R) 4.20 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Natural World. 8.00 A Farmer's Life for Me. 8.00 The Chinese Are Coming. 10.00 How They Ruined Your Life. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mail Men. 12.10 BBC News. 3.35 Close. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone. (R)

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BBC 2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Hairy Bikers: Short. (R) 1.55 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Living Dangerously. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.25 Flog It! (R) 4.20 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Top Gear. (R) 8.00 Madagascar. 9.00 A History of Ancient Britain. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mail Men. 12.10 The Chinese Are Coming. (R) 1.00 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV 1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Millionaire Minders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 UEFA Champions League Live. Arsenal v Barcelona. (Kick-off 7.45pm). 9.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 9.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 UEFA Champions League Extra Time. 11.35 Police, Camera, Action! (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Film: The Fixer. (1984) Drama, starring Sissy Spacek and Mel Gibson. 4.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 Sal Mali. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.50 Frasier. (R) 8.20 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 8.55 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Country House Rescue. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Sabrina. (1954) Romantic comedy with Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. 2.10 Cookery School. 2.40 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal: Love Week. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts. 8.00 Beauty and the Beast: Ugly Face of Prejudice. 8.00 The Elephant Life after Death. 10.35 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. (R) 11.10 Shameless. (R) 12.05 Mudo on 4: Sound from the Cities. 1.00 Mudo on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. 1.25 Animal Madhouse. (R) 2.20 Foot What Goes In Your Basket? (R) 3.15 Hill Street Blues. (R) 9.05 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 9.50 Wogan: Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

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BBC 2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.15 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Living Dangerously. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.25 Flog It! (R) 4.20 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 The Spice Trail. 10.00 Victorian Pharmacy. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mail Men. 12.10 The Culture Show. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV 1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Millionaire Minders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Mandrake. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Oki Tiki In. (R) 11.20 Send In the Dogs. (R) 12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.20 Spartacus. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 The Vanessa Show. 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.40 Five News. 12.55 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 1.55 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 The Family Recipe. (R) 2.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 3.10 Film: Mystery Woman: Wild West Mystery. (2006) 5.00 Five News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. Shona is condemned when April begins to slip school. (R) 6.25 Oki Tiki. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Live UEFA Europa League Football. Sparta Prague v. Liverpool. (Kick-off 8.05pm). 10.30 Film: Tooky You Die. (2005) Athlete is imprisoned after a botched robbery but escapes to seek revenge on his partners for having betrayed him. Action thriller, with Steven Seagal and Anthony Headley. Also including Five News Update. 12.00 Supercasino. 1.05 FBI Files. (R) 1.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R)

Friday

BBC 1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Save My Holiday. 11.15 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 A Question of Sport. (R) BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Oil. (R) 9.00 Hustle. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 Film: The Runic. (2008) Weatherview. 1.00 Sign Zone; Horizon: Science Under Attack. (R) 2.00 Pooh and Pocher: Why Public School Boys Run Britain. (R) 3.00 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.30 Save My Holiday. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

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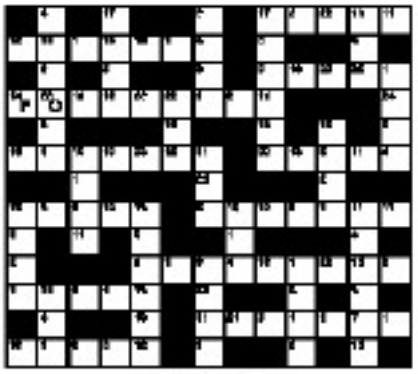
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Brain Gym

No.103

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.





LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

K	B	Y	N	R	V	G	L	Z	S	I	H	X	
Q	O	T	A	E	U	D	C	P	W	M	F	J	



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Double Crossword

Clues in either grid or cryptic clues – both in the same grid.

Cryptic Clues

Across

1. Presidents in disagreement to be mentioned (3)
4. A bill of entertainment, apparently (3)
9. Bringing in money to dream, ruin in body (7)
11. Mr Lord does enter where noticed basic fish (7)
12 & 15Ac. Carnegie to drive to comedy location (3,3)
13. Is used by the sportsman and makes another (5)
16. Although drinking, they take care to be hungry (7)
17. See 12 Across.
18. Most unfamiliar colors (7)
20. Dissolution between Mrs Hollins and cream (7)
22. Many bosses in banks initially (3)
23. They may have grounds to fight (3)

Down

2. Admit to a bit of maintenance (3)
3. Hunting natives and the elderly rock up to get in (5)
4. Big man caught a different representative fish (6)
5. Makers sure your necessities within post-war condition have (4,2)
6. A man still backtrack but not to direct fish (11)
7. Drive revolution rather no condition (anagram) suggest (8)
10. Revolt in new at present to cover to perform speech (2,5)
11. Preconditioners over and caused no untidy when fan way look (4,2)
14. Made colors the losers that against the finish (7)
15. The cure needs uniform level (7)
16. Rod on corn. 21 & 19Dn. The hinds the fruit. Empty beneath rendered (5,3)

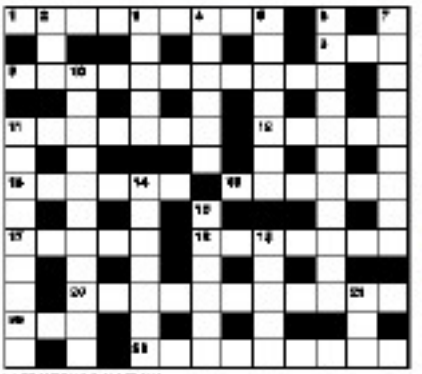
Quick Clues

Across

1. Highlight (3)
4. Tune (3)
9. Ring peeps (3,4)
11. Good lady (7)
12. Shellfish (3)
13. Main body (5)
14. Young person (5)
17. Oatmeal (5)
18. Followers (7)
19. Use soap (3,4)
22. Scrounge (5)
23. Revolution Ukraine (6)

Down

2. Ebook (3)
3. Mountain ranges (5)
4. Trade union (6)
6. Theory (7)
8. Religious drama (7,4)
9. Grandson (6)
10. Turbot mushroom (6,7)
15. Risen (5)
16. UK (5)
18. Comfortable (4)
20. Actress (3)
21. Disease (3)

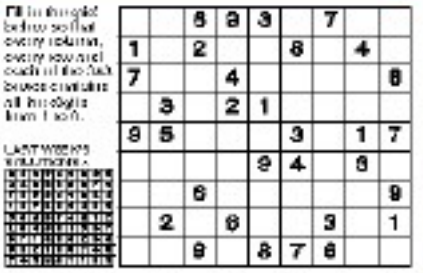


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC: Across: 1 Plenty, 4 Key, 7 Mirage, 8 Scandal, 10 Lake, 11 Stamina, 12 Grave, 14 Oak, 16 Grey, 17 Alibi, 19 Thorny, 20 Pile rock, 21 Unusual. Down: 1 Pike, 2 Ebbed, 3 Yeast, 4 Kiss, 5 Yarmouth, 6 Gamma, 9 Grandad, 13 Mangrove, 15 Mandate, 16 Gloria, 18 Lyric, 19 Thames, 20 Pier. QUICK: Across: 1 Bay, 4 Ale, 7 Ban, 8 Ice, 9 Ivy, 10 Ale, 11 Ewe, 12 Ale, 13 Ivy, 14 Ale, 15 Ivy, 16 Ale, 17 Ivy, 18 Ale, 19 Ivy, 20 Ale. Down: 1 Bib, 2 Ace, 3 Yes, 4 Ale, 5 Ewe, 6 Ale, 7 Bin, 8 Ice, 9 Ivy, 10 Ale, 11 Ewe, 12 Ale, 13 Ivy, 14 Ale, 15 Ivy, 16 Ale, 17 Ivy, 18 Ale, 19 Ivy, 20 Ale.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

		5	2	3		7		
1		2			8		4	
7			4					8
	3		2	1				
9	5				3		1	7
				2	4		6	
		6						9
	2		6			3		1
		9		8	7	6		

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form a word. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

The letter represented by the question mark is L. Completed words are: Cockatiel, Casualty, Millennium, Limerick.



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Reviews: DVDs



Matt Dillon who stars in Takers



Anna Paquin and Rachel Blanchard in a scene from Open House

Open House (18)

DESPITE the prominence of True Blood stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer on the cover, they only feature on screen briefly as victims in Open House.

Perhaps Miss Paquin and her screen and real life partner Moyer were showing support for her brother Andrew Paquin, who directs this slow moving but efficient slasher thriller.

The main trio are Rachel Blanchard (from TV's Clueless) who as divorcee Alice is held prisoner in her own home by a psycho couple (Tricia Helfer from Battlestar Galactica and the quietly intense Brian Geraghty) after an 'open house' viewing to sell her home results in a killer hiding in her basement.

The gruesome twosome – a true nympho-maniac and her dominated partner in crime – stab and slash every potential rescuer but then Alice attempts to form a relationship with her male captor.

It's fairly predictable stuff but well done.

However, the main interest for True Blood fans will be hearing Moyer using his native English accent rather than the southern drawl he adopts for HBO's saucy vampire thriller.

Takers (12)

This heist thriller reckons it's slick, stylish and cool, but derivative, cliched and boring would be better adjectives.

A tough detective, played by Matt Dillon on auto-pilot, will not rest until he brings a gang of cocky bank robbers – including Paul Walker from Fast & Furious, Tip 'TI' Harris from TV's Entourage and Hayden Christensen from various Star Wars movies – to justice.

You've probably seen this story done before but much better featuring Pacino or De Niro.

Both movies are also available on Blu-ray.

Leon Burakowski



Stephen Moyer – brief appearance

Reviews: live shows

Micky Flanagan, Town Hall, Birmingham

SOMEWHERE there's a mum and dad with a lot of explaining to do.

Cockney comic Micky Flanagan went through a whole host of topics during his sell-out Town Hall show, some of them not necessarily for the ears of the young girl that had been brought along by her parents.

There was a lot of adult and sexual content in the show, not to mention the language.

However, on the sixth date of his Out Out tour, Flanagan had the whole crowd in fits of laughter throughout, regaling tales of his time as a teacher, of growing up in the East End, of previous relationships and of his wife and child.

He added that while most comedians had a catchphrase, he was hoping his Cockney gait would become his catchwalk.

Important questions were answered such as why teenage pregnancies are on the rise, and while Flanagan doesn't tell 'Joke Jokes', he can no doubt spin a yarn, such as the time his young boy embarrassed him on the bus.

The popular funnyman has added an extra date to his current tour and returns to the Symphony Hall on March 31.

Mark Shipp

Magic of Motown, The Grand Theatre

AN electric atmosphere was created from start to finish for this show.

It had a packed out audience of all ages on their feet for a well-deserved standing ovation.

A superb band captured the distinctive Detroit sound to perfection, recreating all-time favourites from The Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross and The Supremes, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder and many more.

A wonderful Jackson Five medley received roars of appreciation from the audience.

The fabulous male harmonies and stunning female vocals had the audience clapping along to hit after hit, Stop, In the Name of Love, My Guy, Dancing in the Street, I'll Be There and My Girl to name a few.

With more than 16 dazzling costume changes ,slick choreography and its fast moving pace, this lavish production delivered a memorable evening out.

Les Jowett

Reviews: games

Dead Space 2 (18, EA)

IT'S basically Resident Evil in space though developers Visceral have taken the space ship location of Dead Space and expanded it to a whole city, known as The Sprawl.

Taking elements from the games Aliens vs Predator and Resident Evil, plus a whole slew of horror and sci-fi movie influences – chiefly Alien and The Thing – DS2 efficiently delivers the thrills and chills as survivor Isaac Clarke (we now see what he looks like), still haunted by visions of his dead girlfriend, must battle an onslaught of gruesome new Necromorphs.

These most unpleasant aliens use the bodies of their victims to warp and morph into monstrous creatures, including acid pukers and zombie vampire babies. Not nice. There are a range of difficulty levels, with the top level being insanely hardcore, and you can play as the Necromorphs in multi-player mode.

It's tougher than the original and more time-consuming for those determined to get to the end. But by the time you've offed the zillionth Necromorph, you might start to yearn for the more rounded game experience of a Fallout or BioShock.

Reviewed on Xbox 360 this game is also available for PC and PS3.

Little Big Planet 2 (7, Sony)

Still one of the best reasons to buy a PS3, the Little Big Planet franchise steps up a gear with the iconic Sackboy now able to fashion all sorts of games, not just the 2D platformers of the original LBP. It allows the gamer to bring their own ingenuity to this colourful universe, surely the way to go in a gaming world where too often the experience is still 'on rails'.

Once again, Stephen Fry provides the voice over as the Story Mode takes you through eight worlds and around 30 levels, punctuated by bonus levels inspired by other game styles.

Then begins the business of creating your own levels via the level editor. It's a steep learning curve but stick with it to get the most out of this game. As for Sackboy, isn't it time he got a few more powers . . . maybe that will come in Lit tle Big Planet 3?

Leon Burakowski



Dead Space 2 – tougher than the original and more time-consuming

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The Twingo Gordini 133 bears the famous name and colours of the man they called 'the Sorcerer'. Amedee Gordini's race-tuning skills were already legendary before he began working his magic on Renault Dauphine models in the late 1950s. His name was subsequently used on a succession of sporting Renaults until 1975.

The modern day Gordini is more about style rather than extra zip. There have been no mechanical tweaks to wring extra performance from the 1.6 litre petrol engine that's in the Renaultsport Twingo – which is something of a shame.

Instead, Renault offers a quality luxury package, with the distinctive Gordini livery of Malta blue paint and twin white stripes very much to the fore. Buyers can choose black instead, but the overwhelming majority choose blue – and apparently all but one per cent keep the trademark twin stripes too.

Spoiler

You also get side skirts, a rear spoiler and some very eye-catching – but all too kerbable – alloy wheels with the Gordini.

Inside, there's a classy-looking interior with leather seats as standard, leather-trimmed door panels and a stylish blue and grey steering wheel with twin white 'dead-ahead' markers.

The dashboard is finished in piano black and the centrally-located main instrument pod is both funky and easy to read.

You sit relatively high in the Twingo, so it doesn't offer the sportiest of driving positions. All round visibility is good though, and parking is particularly easy thanks to the compact dimensions of the car.

The Gordini lacks the Cup chassis of the harder-edged Renaultsport Twingos as the emphasis is more on comfort than performance.

That said, it will hit 60mph in around eight and a half seconds courtesy of its 133hp 1.6 litre petrol engine. The Gordini is always entertaining and spirited to drive, provide you keep the revs high. Its steering is sharp and responsive and there's plenty of grip from the tyres.

The engine note is peppy, though it can be wearing on longer journeys. Those who do a lot of motorway cruising may bemoan the absence of a sixth gear.

Ride quality is firm but reasonable and the front seats are supportive. I also liked the way the back seats slide forwards and back – though this comes at the expense of boot space.

The Gordini is pitched against the Mini Cooper and initially looks the more expensive car. The Mini not only undercuts the French car by £350 but holds out the prospect of lower running costs.

But there are major differences in specification – and if you want Bluetooth mobile phone connectivity, leather seats, metallic paint and climate control air conditioning on the Mini you'll have to find another £2,000. They are standard on the Renault. There's also a near guarantee of exclusivity with only 200 Gordinis being imported into the UK.

The regular Renaultsport Twingo models are probably better value – but if you really want to stand out from the crowd then the Gordini is the way to go.

Alternatively you can find similarly twin-striped versions of the Suzuki Swift Sport for under £13,000 but this is a model that's due for replacement soon. Then there's always the Fiat 500 Abarth, whose cute yet sporty looks are backed up by a sub-eight second 0-60mph time and a price tag of just over £14,000. There aren't too many vehicles of this type on the market – but this may change as the trend towards downsizing continues.

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Next Cooper S set to come in diesel form

COMING just months after the launch of the Countryman, Mini has announced that the Cooper SD will become the most powerful diesel model in the firm's line-up.

The new 2.0 litre/143hp will be available in all Mini body types – Hatch, Convertible, Clubman and Countryman – and will deliver more power, frugal fuel consumption and lower CO2 emissions.

Also launching in the UK in March is a new special edition Mini Clubman, the Hampton, and a new special edition Hatch, the Pimlico. A new Sports Pack option will add spice to both Hatch and Convertible ranges.

The Cooper S name first graced the classic Mini back in 1963 and during the ensuing 48 years it has consistently been feted as the ultimate performance Mini, having won the Monte Carlo rally three times and countless other races and rallies around the globe.

It would be almost inconceivable that such a heritage could ever see the valued 'S' tag attached to anything other than a finely-honed petrol engine.

However, such is the progress made by BMW Group in developing powerful, responsive and efficient diesel units that for the first time the Cooper S badge will grace a new diesel model – the Cooper SD. Not only will it be the most performance-oriented diesel Mini, the Cooper SD will also feature the largest displacement power unit ever to grace the engine compartment of a Mini model in the marque's 52 year history.

The two-litre four cylinder power unit follows the design philosophy of the familiar 1.6 litre engine but produces 143hp at 4,000 rpm – almost 28 per cent more than the Cooper D and nearly 60 per cent above that of the One D.

Unsurprisingly its power, allied to the highest torque value of any Mini engine (even the engines within the John Cooper Works family), endows the Cooper SD with vivid performance: in the case of the Hatch, a top speed of 134mph and a 0-62mph acceleration time of 8.1 seconds.



The Cooper SD will come with the biggest engine ever fitted in a Mini

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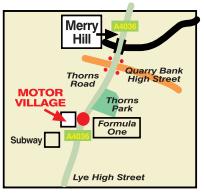
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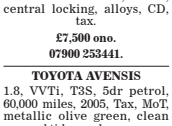
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No fewer than eight different players got their names on the scoresheet.

That win was followed by a superb 1-0 success at Midland Alliance outfit Alvechurch where Chris Hough's goal booked them a place in the Worcestershire FA Senior Urn final.

But Saturday represented a bump with a 4-3 home defeat against third-placed Bustleholme after being three up – and missing a last-gasp penalty.

Two goals from new signing Chris Seekings and one from Richard Burgess put the home side in charge. But goalkeeping and defensive errors cut to 3-2 by the break.

Bustleholme came out with renewed impetus and levelled after another mix-up. Then they got the winner with a neat finish from Matty Jukes.

Even then Bewdley could have scraped a draw with a penalty for handball, but Burgess blazed the spot-kick over.

Bewdley's management team of Brian Lacey and Craig Payton were more upset by the manner of the defeat than the result after two games where the team had shown resilience against Alvechurch and a killer instinct against Bromyard.

HARRIERS DEFY FEARS FOR CLUB

Kidderminster Harriers 1 Bath City 0

TOM SHAW gave Kidderminster fans' a brief break from their worries about the club's uncertain future by scoring Harriers' winner against battling Bath City.

The midfielder pounced in the 34th minute to notch his side's 50th Blue Square Bet Premier goal of the season and lift them to within a point of the play-off zone. Shaw's well-taken winner on Saturday came just days after Warwickshire-based businessman Chris Swan pulled out of a deal to take over the debt-ridden Aggborough outfit.

Kidderminster's players went into the game having not been paid for their efforts in January, but still produced a determined performance which was saluted by a rousing ovation from the home faithful.

Their will to win did not surprise manager Steve Burr, whose team are now unbeaten in four.

"We have done that for the best part of this season," he said.

"In the last five or 10 minutes they threw everything at us and we had to defend well. But they dug in and the workrate was there."

In a match affected by a strong, swirling wind, Kidderminster were decent value for their 1-0 half-time advantage, despite Adam Connolly's shot for the visitors glancing off the top of the bar.

Revenge

Skipper Keith Briggs and Jack Byrne – together with a near own goal from Gethin Jones – went the closest to putting Harriers ahead before Chris McPhee set up the chance for Shaw to score for the second game in a row.

It was his fourth goal of the season which proved enough to earn Burr's boys sweet revenge for their 2-0 defeat at Bath in September.

Just before half-time Byrne had a cross shot hit the woodwork while minutes after the break Nick Wright shot narrowly wide from a difficult angle.

Bath began getting up a head of steam during the second half and went close to equalising with a shot from Kaid Mohamed which struck the bar.

The visitors gave Harriers a number of other anxious moments but they held on.

Kidderminster: Lewis; Vaughan, Briscoe, Albrighton, Williams; Byrne, Briggs, Shaw, Gittings; McPhee, Wright (Matt, 76). **Subs not used:** Sharpe, Griffiths, Stevens.

Attendance: 1,500.



Celebrations as Tom Shaw gives Kidderminster Harriers a vital lead against Bath

Carolians are hit by luck of the bounce

Barkers Butts 33 Kidderminster C 30

KIDDERMINSTER Carolians went down to an agonisingly narrow defeat at second-placed Barkers Butts – thanks in part to a bizarre try.

The home side grabbed their decisive score from a quickly-taken lineout when the ball bounced off a spectator and back onto the pitch!

But KCs played their full part in an action-packed match 10 10 tries which saw the visitors pick up two bonus points, their first of the season away from home, ***writes Martin Easton.***

Barkers got off to a flying start with two converted tries inside the first 10 minutes. KCs looked in big trouble but hit back when Tom Scandrett was tackled just short of the line after collecting his own grubber kick and Andy McLellan was on hand to dot down for a try which he converted.

The hosts then ran in their third try for a 12-point lead but from the restart KCs won a free-kick in the opposition 22 to set up a forward drive with backs joining in and centre Craig Wilkinson getting the vital touchdown.

Just three minutes later a sparkling passage of play which started with a scrum in their own 22 saw the visitors pass the ball through countless hands before Scandrett scampered over for a try which brought Kidder to within two points.

With the interval approaching a McLellan penalty put them 20-19 ahead and they profited further when the Barkers number eight was sinbinned on the stroke of half-time for a stamping offence.

But the good work was undone by a disastrous start to the second half which saw them miss a presentable penalty and then gift Barkers a breakaway try under the posts, duly converted.

Worse was to follow when the fateful lineout, which should not have been allowed after the bounce off a spectator, caught KCs napping and a try under the posts stretched the home lead to 33-20.

Kidder's running game was causing Barkers problems a plenty and a lovely enterprising move saw hooker Tom Maher surprise the home defence with his pace for a try in the right-hand corner.

Maher then offloaded to prop Carl Whitehead whose try brought it back to 33-30 only for the home side to stand firm.

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Super Samurai are just shaded for overall gold

SAMURAI Judo Club went within a whisker of winning the overall trophy from the Warwick University Open Team Championships.

They struck gold in the ladies high grade teams and silver in the men's high grades.

That gave them nine points but hosts Warwick, who entered more teams, shaded overall gold with 10.

The men's team fielded by the Kidderminster Samurai looked strong, with James Talbot at lightweight, Grant Jones at light-middleweight, Ryan Pitcock at middleweight, Tom Walker at light-heavyweight and Nigel Tinsdale at heavyweight.

Having won the gold medal for the last two years, the team started off with a solid 4-1 victory over Nottingham. Warwick were dismissed 5-0, followed by a 4-1 win against Oxford and 5-0 against Bristol to put the Samurai into the semi-finals.

Here they were up against another Warwick team and again the Samurai won at a canter by a 4-1 scoreline to put themselves into the final against Coventry.



Samurai silver medallist men's team, from left, James Talbot, Grant Jones, Ryan Pitcock, Tom Walker and Nigel Tinsdale

Coventry had also been winning convincingly and this turned out to be an excellent final. Despite emphatic wins from Tom Walker and Nigel Tinsdale, the Samurai team went down 3-2.

Dismissed

A reshuffled ladies team consisted of Charis Hancocks and twins Sally and Rachel Moon.

They reached their semi-final more steadily and there they dismissed Oxford 2-1 to put themselves into the final against Warwick.

Hancocks was up first and gained a good draw against a much heavier player before Sally Moon took a maximum-point win to put the Samurai into the lead.

This left Rachel Moon needing to avoid defeat by maximum points against her third level black belt opponent.

This she managed to do, although losing the bout, and that left the ladies team with gold.

In the individual categories Sally Moon beat her twin Rachel in the final while Pitcock landed bronze and Walker, in spectacular form, took gold with his 10th maximum-point win of the day.

Four points keep Stour in top spot

Wellingborough 0 Stourport 1

FOUR POINTS out of six in a brace of Midland Division One matches last weekend kept Stourport ladies firsts top of the division.

Victory came in the first of the two games with a second-half goal from Rene Johnson.

The visitors didn't begin the match well, allowing their hosts to pressure them into making mistakes over the length and breadth of the pitch.

But Stourport stepped up the pace in the second half with Johnson's solo goal securing the points.

Stourport 1 Burton 1

The firsts looked in control of the second match only to fall behind to a reverse stick strike from the top of the D.

But they were level before half-time, Heidi Devey scoring with a deflection from a penalty corner.

Stourport looked threatening in attack and secure in defence, but only kept the draw thanks to an excellent last-minute save by Sophie Woods.

Stourport 2 Shrewsbury 4

In the first of their two Midland Feeder West league matches the seconds scored two fine goals but still lost.

Their first came from an excellent hard cross by Lou Marshall, tapped in at the far post by Abbie Yapp.

Stourport's player of the match Hayley Ryan set up the second with a good run through the middle which allowed Lauren Homer to score.

But Shrewsbury were on target three times in the first period and scored again after the break.

Stourport 4 Wem 2

The seconds bounced back the Shrewsbury defeat to reverse the scoreline against visitors Wem. The half-time score was again 3-2, with the home side's first coming after player of the match Homer's hit was converted by Amy Ryan.

Stourport got a second when a short corner broke down and Holly Lashford scored with a reverse sweep.

Homer smashed in a third but an experienced Wem side struck twice before the break.

Stourport got the fourth through Shelley Tromans. after a pass at a short corner by Kayleigh Hateley.

Bromsgrove 2 Stourport 1

Not even a string of fine saves by Viv Wakeman could get the thirds a point at Bromsgrove.

The hosts went in front in the Worcestershire First Division match only for Kate Bailey to equalise from a short corner.

Despite Wakeman's heroics the home side got the winner with five minutes to go.

Stourport 1 Tenbury 3

In the Worcestershire Second Division Stourport fourths hit back to level after falling behind only for Tenbury to score twice more.

Chey West got the home team's goal and their player of the match was Wilding.

Kings Heath 1 Stourport 1

Stourport fifths and their opponents occupy adjoining places in the Worcestershire Third Division, so a draw was not unexpected.

Stourport began the match brightly enough before coming under sustained pressure.

Youngster Frances Taylor jinked round the top of the D to shoot into the bottom corner, but Kings Heath scored to share the spoils.

Stourport hockey

Golf club results

KIDDERMINSTER Golf Club results:

Ladies shotgun start over 12 holes: 1 Jane Abrahams and Jean Caddick, 23 points; 2 Gill Sanderson and Bridgette Turnock, 22.

Men's fourball, better ball: 1 Simon Wilcox and David Grand, 41 points (countback); 2 Johnathon Spurgin and Tony Davies, 41; 3 Martin Ward and Peter Goode, 41; 4 Bill Styles and Nick Cosnett, 41.

Mixed fourball, better ball over 12 holes: 1 Alan and Hilda Gregory, 24 points (countback); 2 Ann Billingham and Mark Cox, 24; 3 Ken and Yvonne Foley, 24.

Spring in step of athletes

ATHLETES can get their running shoes ready for the spring warm-up meeting of Kidderminster and Stourport Athletic Club.

The meeting begins at noon on April 17 at the Alan Moreton Track in Kingsway, Stourport.

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